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ESTABLISHMENT OF A CABINET COMMITTEE
FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Maine falls far short of its proportionate share of the Federal Research and Development Budget, and

WHEREAS, Maine is one of the few states with no budget for supporting and no mechanism for directing Research and Development, and

WHEREAS, Science and Technology have crucial impacts on the economic development, environmental improvement, employment, and general welfare in Maine, and

WHEREAS, Research and studies done in Maine should be creatively coordinated and directed toward priority Maine needs,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish a Maine Research Council responsible for:

1. Coordinating the Research and Development activities for the State of Maine agencies,
2. Reviewing and directing certain research studies done for the State government by outside organizations,
3. Fostering research coalitions among State agencies, Maine industries, colleges, and the University,
4. Providing matching grants for Federally supported research projects,
5. Providing financial support, either fully or jointly with the agencies, for studies, research, and development proposed by the agencies, and
6. Administering any research funds which may be appropriated for the above purposes by the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that this subcommittee of the Governor's Cabinet be composed of the following State officials or their representatives: the State Geologist, the Director of the State Planning Office, and the Commissioners of Commerce and Industry, Transportation, Sea and Shore Fisheries, Inland Fisheries and Game, Environmental Protection, Health and Welfare, and any other members as designated by the Governor; its Executive Secretary shall be the Governor's Science Advisor.

KENNETH M. CURTIS, GOVERNOR